(d) No, Sir.

(c) and (0 Do not arise.

Disposal of solid waste at Defence Installations

2626. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of solid waste that is lying indisposed at various defence installations in the country.

(b) whether such waste has become a source of environmental and health hazard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to(c) Some quantity of solid waste is generated in the process of production in the Defence PSUs and at various Ordnance Factories, which are not connected with environmental and health hazards. Such solid wastes are disposed of regularly in accordance with the safety norms without causing any environmental and health hazards. Some of the explosives arc burnt in controlled conditions to avoid any hazard while disposing. In other defence installations, solid wastes arc not allowed to accumulate. There is a regular mechanism to dispose of such wastes as and when generated. While disposing thereof, various safety requirements are taken into account.

Indigenisation of armament capability

2627. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent report by his Ministry has highlighted the need for indigenisation in armament capability in the wake of restrictions on transfer of equipments and technology, especially those imposed after Pokharan; and

(b) if so, what is the progress made by Government to achieve this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) There is no recent report by the Ministry of Defence which has highlighted the need for indigenisation in armaments capability. The Group of Ministers looking into the Higher Defence Management have, however, made recommendations relating to the harnessing of the industrial and technological capabilities in the country. Indigenisation of Defence equipment in the quest for self-reliance is a continuing effort.